



ABSTRACT

A hold down assembly for use in a tubular container transport apparatus comprises upper and lower pieces movably mounted relative to one another. Preferably the lower piece is removably seated on a mounting plate of the transport apparatus and the upper piece is adapted to magnetically interact with a tube holder carrying a filled tube product, such that the tube holder may be retained in registered alignment relative to an ejector rod during ejection of the filled tube product. A tubular container transport apparatus and a methodology for ejecting a filled tube product with a reduced risk of dislodgement are also provided.